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Classified By: A/Pol M/C Gabriel Escobar for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Poloff delivered reftel points to MFA Office Director for EU Enlargement Policy Michele Esposito July 25. Poloff underscored U.S. support for Turkey's EU aspirations and noted our concern that the pending case in Turkey's Constitutional Court against the Justice and Development Party not derail Turkey's forward European momentum. Esposito said Italy and the U.S. were in complete agreement on EU accession for Turkey, and said that the outcome of the pending constitutional case would not alter Italian support for Turkey's accession.
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